

A retiree from Beavercreek recently needed help gaining access to funds from his Thrift Savings Plan, which were needed to cover vital living expenses during the coronavirus pandemic. Marty jumped right into action, and the matter was cleared up in a very short period. "Without Marty's skillful intervention," he wrote, "I may still be waiting for TSP to complete my requested transfer of these funds."

After Marty helped expedite the renewal of his son's passport for a trip to Tokyo, a man from Dayton wrote: "My son and I couldn't have completed the Transpacific business/personal trip without Marty's outstanding professionalism and stick-to-itiveness. We were able to bond, spending quality time with each other that'll never be forgotten."

On behalf of myself, and on behalf of the countless Miami Valley residents she has helped, I thank Marty Heide for a job well done. I will be forever grateful for the friendship and support she has given to me, the staff, and the people our congressional district. Her presence in my office will certainly be missed. I wish her and her husband, Randall, a happy, healthy, and productive retirement.

HONORING BRIAN EMERSON OF POINT NORTH NETWORKS

HON. ANGIE CRAIG

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 6, 2022

Ms. CRAIG. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of National Small Business Week, May 2–5, 2022, and to thank Brian Emerson of Point North Networks. Brian's dedication to his community in Inver Grove Heights is what fuels Minnesota's Second Congressional District.

Point North Networks draws on Brian's experience of developing and implementing solutions to fulfill the IT needs of smaller businesses throughout the Second Congressional District and Minnesota. Brian has ensured that Point North Networks serves its community with honesty and integrity.

Small businesses like Point North Networks are the backbone of our economy. I'm proud that Brian is a member of my Small Business Taskforce. I'm thankful for his expertise and guidance as we work to shape policies to benefit and strengthen our small business economy.

RECOGNIZING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INSTITUTE OF INTERNAL AUDITORS

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 6, 2022

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) on the occasion of its 80th anniversary and to recognize Internal Audit Awareness Month.

The IIA was founded in 1941 by a small group of auditors based in New York City who understood the importance of the profession as well as its critical role in governance, risk, and control. From these humble beginnings

the IIA has grown tremendously with branches in 170 countries and over 210,000 members. By relentlessly advocating for its members, providing valuable training to students, hosting conferences and so much more the IIA works to uplift this critically important profession.

Madam Speaker, the IIA is a real New York success story. I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating the Institute for all that they do to promote the critical field of auditing and wish them continued success.

RECOGNIZING MR. MICHAEL KOBITO AS GEORGIA'S TEACHER OF THE YEAR

HON. BARRY LOUDERMILK

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 6, 2022

Mr. LOUDERMILK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Michael Kobito of Bartow County, Georgia as the 2023 Georgia Teacher of the Year, and to commend his exceptional service to students in Bartow County, as well as his incredible contributions to their academic enrichment.

Mr. Kobito teaches AP Music Theory at Woodland High School; and, in addition to providing students with a top-notch instruction in the performing arts, Mr. Kobito leads four concert bands, a 200-member marching band, the school basketball pep band, a jazz band, and the winter guard.

Mr. Kobito's AP Music students achieved a 100 percent pass rate on the AP exam within his first year of teaching, a result of his dedication to their education, as well as their enthusiasm for his class. His teaching philosophy emphasizes the potential of each individual student and encourages them to treat every day as an opportunity to learn and achieve.

As the 2023 Georgia Teacher of the Year, Mr. Kobito will serve as an advocate for Georgia students and educators, and as an ex-officio member of the Georgia State Board of Education. Furthermore, he will compete for the recognition of 2023 National Teacher of the Year.

Once again, I commend Mr. Kobito for his exceptional work as a Georgia educator and congratulate him on achieving this important honor within the Georgia education system. I would also like to acknowledge the runner up, Katie Blum of Sugar Hill Elementary, and all Georgia's Teacher of the Year finalists for their tremendous work and dedication to educating our next generation of successful Georgians.

INTRODUCTION OF THE MOUNT HOOD AND COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE RECREATION ENHANCEMENT AND CONSERVATION (REC) ACT OF 2022

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 6, 2022

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, today I introduced the Mount Hood and Columbia River Gorge Recreation Enhancement and Conservation (REC) Act of 2022.

Over the last several years, I have listened to feedback from Oregonians, Tribal sovereigns, local elected officials, businesses, and others about Mt. Hood and the Columbia River Gorge. People have shared information about how they use these special places, their concerns, and their proposed solutions to improve management, address wildfire risk, enhance recreation, and protect natural resources. I worked to reflect those views in this legislation, which will create a leading model of Tribal co-management on the Forest, retain and restore healthy ecosystems, develop long term sustainable recreation and transportation plans for the region, and enhance community resilience through climate adaptation and mitigation.

This legislation represents many years of listening to community members and refining ideas. It also remains a work in progress. I look forward to continuing this community-focused effort to protect and improve access to Mount Hood and the Columbia River Gorge.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

HONORING JODI NORGAARDEN OF QUAINT AND QUIRKY BOUTIQUE

HON. ANGIE CRAIG

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 6, 2022

Ms. CRAIG. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of National Small Business Week, May 2–5, 2022, and to thank Jodi Norgaarden of Quaint and Quirky Boutique. Jodi's dedication to her community in Hastings is what fuels Minnesota's Second Congressional District.

Quaint and Quirky Boutique features over 100 artists, creators, and authors from Minnesota and Wisconsin. Jodi has taken her over 25 years of sales experience and created a small business that supports communities and people throughout the Second Congressional District and beyond.

Small businesses like Quaint and Quirky Boutique are the backbone of our economy. I'm proud that Jodi is a member of my Small Business Taskforce. I'm thankful for her expertise and guidance as we work to shape policies to benefit and strengthen our small business economy.

HONORING DAVID RAMEY

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 6, 2022

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with Congressman MIKE THOMPSON, in celebration of David Ramey, who is being honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Sonoma County Vintners Foundation for his exemplary contributions to the winemaking industry.

Mr. Ramey's 43-year career in Napa and Sonoma, including as the founder and owner of Ramey Wine Cellars, is most distinguished by his stewardship of artisan winemaking techniques.

Mr. Ramey graduated from the University of California at Davis in 1979 with a thesis on

volatile ester hydrolysis that is still used today to understand the evolution of aroma in wine. Upon graduation he joined the Moueix family at the renowned Château Pétrus and spent 23 years helping establish a number of wineries including Matanzas Creek, Chalk Hill, Dominus Estate, and Rudd Estate. He and his wife Carla moved to Healdsburg and founded Ramey Wine Cellars in 1996 where they helped shepherd a new California benchmark winemaking style using indigenous yeasts, sur lies aging, and whole-cluster and malolactic barrel fermentation. Mr. Ramey is passionate about the wine industry and continues to provide his expertise to colleagues through consulting work and as Chair of Family Winemakers of California.

Madam Speaker, David Ramey's long-time contributions to the winemaking community have shaped the way that many wines in the United States are made today. Therefore, please join us in congratulating David Ramey for decades of inspiring work in the wine industry and this Lifetime Achievement Award.

HONORING MR. PETER
BONITATIBUS

HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 6, 2022

Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mr. Peter Bonitatibus, who is retiring after a tireless 35-year-long career in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' system of higher education. Born in Quincy, Peter has resided in Whitman for the last 20 years with his wife Margaret and their children Sheila, Danny, Justin, and Mary.

Peter is proud to have spent his entire career working with many outstanding police officers, faculty, and staff in several of Massachusetts's finest public institutions of higher learning. Before his retirement, he was considered the key person for all things technological for the University of Massachusetts Boston's Division of Student Affairs. The group includes over 300 part and full-time employees that encompass Police, General Medicine, Counseling, student care, Housing, Activities, Leadership programs, Multicultural Affairs, and student hunger and housing security matters.

Peter is a tireless advocate on behalf of the people he worked with, often going the extra mile to ensure the health and safety of his beloved community. His incredible attention to detail and technical skill have led his colleagues to dub him the "Mr. Spock" of UMass Boston. A badge he wears with honor, as he is a great fan of Star Trek.

Peter began his career in 1986 as a police officer at Framingham State College. He then worked at Bridgewater State College and finally served at UMass Boston, where he was elevated to Sergeant and then hired as UMass Boston's Director of Student Affairs Technology Services. During his career until his recent retirement, Peter has been recognized as a national leader in the security technology profession and served as the Education Chair for the Boston Chapter of ASIS International.

A dedicated family man, Peter and his wife Margaret raised their four beloved children in Whitman. Through his example, his children now work in public service and law enforce-

ment and continue Peter's legacy of giving back to the community and a life of serving others.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Peter's service, thank him, and wish him well in retirement.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF
DOROTHY THIGPEN

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 6, 2022

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, today I want to honor the memory of Dorothy Jean Thigpen, a long-time resident of Detroit, Michigan.

Born and raised in Tennessee, her life's journey took her from rural Tennessee to Detroit's Jeffries projects to the Manoogian Mansion and finally to the rural suburbs of Virginia.

As a child, her family moved to Michigan, where she spent time in Albion and Detroit. As a student attending Detroit's Central High School, she met and married the love of her life George Westly Thigpen, Jr. on October 11, 1958. From their union, she had seven daughters and one son. Her young family lived in many places around the city of Detroit.

During the 70s and as her family grew, she put her skills to work sewing parachutes at a downtown armed forces factory. Shortly after the Vietnam War ended, Dorothy got a job at Fisher Body as a power sewer making car seats for luxury vehicles. She retired from Fisher Body after more than 20 years of service on a medical retirement in 2000.

A working mother, Dorothy ensured her children took their education seriously. Her house was always filled with music and weekly routines. Because discipline was primary for Dorothy, she was famous for her "I can show you better than I can tell you" lessons. She required her children to have fun outdoors and charged them to be creative, athletic, and come home before the streetlights come on.

Above all, Dorothy Thigpen's life was filled with love, service, and her faith. She enjoyed her time spent with family and friends, enjoying all life had to offer. Please join me in honoring her memory.

HONORING JON ERICKSON OF
ANGRY INCH BREWING

HON. ANGIE CRAIG

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 6, 2022

Ms. CRAIG. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of National Small Business Week, May 2–5, 2022, and to thank Jon Erickson of Angry Inch Brewing. Jon's dedication to his community in Lakeville is what fuels Minnesota's Second Congressional District.

As Lakeville's first craft brewery, Angry Inch has become a central part of historic downtown Lakeville. When Jon turned his hobby for home brewing into something bigger, he and all the staff at Angry Inch showcased how a small business can serve a community.

Small businesses like Angry Inch Brewing are the backbone of our economy. I'm proud that Jon is a member of my Small Business

Taskforce. I'm thankful for his expertise and guidance as we work to shape policies to benefit and strengthen our small business economy.

RECOGNIZING EFREM FESAHA FOR
HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE
AS A DEDICATED COMMUNITY
MEMBER AND SMALL BUSINESS
OWNER

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 6, 2022

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Efrem Fesaha for his many years of service as a dedicated community member and small business owner. Having first founded Boon Boona Coffee in 2012, Efrem has grown his business to now include multiple locations that employ more than 20 people. This year, Efrem was awarded the 2022 Small Businessperson of the Year by both the SBA of Washington State and of the Pacific Northwest Region due to his outstanding work navigating the challenges posed by the pandemic while fostering inclusive and welcoming spaces at his shops. He is one of ten finalists for SBA's National Small Businessperson of the Year.

Efrem founded Boon Boona Coffee after visiting his family in Eritrea and drawing inspiration from East African coffee. He has dedicated his business to bringing the rich culture of East African Coffee to the Seattle area. Not only has Efrem greatly contributed to the culture of Washington's 9th district, he has also set out to create a positive impact globally, sourcing fresh coffee beans from African producers and women-owned growers.

The SBA's recognition of Efrem's achievements is well-deserved and speaks to his strong character, work ethic, and understanding of the importance of creating welcoming environments for community members to gather.

Madam Speaker, it is my privilege and honor to recognize Efrem Fesaha for his outstanding career achievements and for his contributions to our community.

DENOUNCING TREATMENT OF
AMERICAN HERO AND VETERAN,
AIRMAN BRIAN KOLFAGE

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 6, 2022

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to expose the shameful treatment of Iraq war veteran Brian Kolfage by the U.S. Government.

Airman Kolfage lost three limbs defending our country in the Iraq war. While serving a second tour of duty in Iraq in 2004, a rocket shell exploded 25 feet from him. Due to his tenacity and determination, he shocked his doctors and left Walter Reed after only 11 months. He earned a Purple Heart and is the most wounded airman ever to have survived a war in the history of our country.

Brian Kolfage's service to country did not end with his military valor. Incredibly, he ran a